

Moppets Drop-In is a child care center owned by Vernon Ventures LLC, and will offer drop-in care to children ages six weeks to 12 years, for up to four hours per day.

Moppets is located at 141 N Main Street, West Hartford. Originally built in 1954 as part of the American School for the Deaf, the building was leased by the Montessori School of Greater Hartford (MSGH) starting in 1994 and was purchased in 2014. Moppets will in turn lease space from MSGH.

Every parent knows that life with kids can be a challenge, and sometimes we all need a break. Whether it's a workout at the gym, last minute run to the grocery store, or a night out with a significant other, kid-free time helps us relax, recharge, or simply get things done. However, finding quality care can be difficult. Moppets will become an "anytime babysitter" for parents needing irregular, temporary care.

The child care center will be licensed through the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), and will comply with all regulations regarding play, safety, and educational requirements as set by the state.

Moppets will operate from 8AM-10PM Monday-Thursday, 8AM-11PM Friday-Saturday, and will be closed on Sundays. The total capacity is six children 0-2 and 28 children 3-12, for a total of 34. This number is compliant to child-to-staff ratios (4-to-1 for ages 0-2, 10-to-1 for ages 3-12), as well as minimum required play space (35 square feet indoor & 75 square feet outdoor per child).

Depending on time of day and day of the week, there will be between 3 and 5 employees on-site at any given time. In line with OEC regulations, the Moppets will employ Kristen Apruzzese as Center Director and Head Teacher to oversee the day-to-day administration and care for the children. Janira Perez will be employed as Assistant Director to Kristen. Please see resumes for both individuals attached.

Reservations are not required but can be made in advance to ensure care. Walk-ins are welcome but are subject to availability. Pick-up and drop-off will occur as parents come and go, and parents will be required to park and accompany their child to and from the center.

Indoor play space will be separated for children ages 0-2 and children ages 3-12. The infant/toddler space will contain cribs, changing tables, a sink, swings, and age-appropriate play equipment. The older children's space will include tables, chairs, books, toys, and age-appropriate play equipment.

Moppets will construct a fenced outdoor play space, and will also have access to additional outdoor green space in the front of the building. There will not be any permanent playground structures or equipment in this space.

## Appendix

### **List of specific features and equipment of each room**

#### **Infant/Toddler room (ages 0-2)**

- Sink with hot & cold water
- Well-constructed free-standing cribs
- Washable cots
- Diaper changing table
- Chairs for feeding
- Low tables and chairs
- Carpet or soft foam flooring
- Rocking chair
- Age-appropriate toys and games

#### **Older children's room (ages 3-12)**

- Tables and chairs
- Bean bags
- Carpet or soft foam flooring
- Books and bookshelves
- Age-appropriate toys and games

#### **Large Bathroom**

- 1 child toilet
- 1 adult toilet
- 1 sink
- Stool for sink accessibility
- Center will have written policy requiring supervision of children when using shared toilet room

#### **Small Bathroom**

- 1 child toilet
- 1 sink
- Stool for sink accessibility

#### **Employee Break Room**

- Refrigerator
- Microwave
- Table and Chairs

#### **Administration area/Director's Office**

- Water cooler
- Desks and computers
- Couch or chairs for waiting room

#### **Outdoor play space**

- Will be fenced to a height of 4 feet
- Will have a hard surface (e.g. asphalt) and will not have any permanent play equipment
- Will provide appropriate toys, balls, & games (which will be stored inside when not in use)